FORTY HADEETH QUDSI

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INTRODUCTION

The following is a collection of 40 Hadeeth Qudsee. But what is Hadeeth Qudsee and how do they differ from other Hadeeth? The following discussion is given in the introduction to the book titled "Forty Hadeeth Qudsee" published by: Revival of Islamic Heritage Society, Islamic Translation Center, P.O.Box 38130, Aldahieh, Kuwait.
Hadeeth Qudsee are the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (*sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam*) as revealed to him by the Almighty Allaah. Hadeeth Qudsee (or Sacred Hadeeth) are so named because, unlike the majority of Hadeeth which are Prophetic Hadeeth, their authority (Sanad) is traced back not to the Prophet but to the Almighty.
Among the many definitions given by the early scholars to Sacred Hadeeth is that of as-Sayyid ash-Sharif al-Jurjani (died in 816 A.H.) in his lexicon At-Tarifat where he says:

> "A Sacred Hadeeth is, as to the meaning, from Allaah the Almighty; as to the wording, it is from the Messenger of Allaah (*sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam*). It is that which Allaah the Almighty has communicated to His Prophet through revelation or in dream, and he, *sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam*, has communicated it in his own words. Thus Qur'aan is superior to it because, besides being revealed, it is His wording."

HADEETH COLLECTION

HADEETH QUDSEE 1:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***"When Allaah decreed the Creation He pledged Himself by writing in His book which is laid down with Him: 'My mercy prevails over my wrath.'"***

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree, an-Nasaa'ee and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 2:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah Almighty has said:

> ***"The son of Aadam denied Me and he had no right to do so. And he reviled Me and he had no right to do so. As for his denying Me, it is his saying: He will not remake me as He made me at first*** [1] ***- and the initial creation [of him] is no easier for Me than remaking him. As for his reviling Me, it is his saying: Allaah has taken to Himself a son, while I am the One, the Everlasting Refuge. I begot not nor was I begotten, and there is none comparable to Me."***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by an-Nasaa'ee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 3:

On the authority of Zayd ibn Khalid al-Juhanee (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said:

> "The Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) led the morning prayer for us at al-Hudaybiyah following rainfall during the night. When the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) finished, he faced the people and said to them: *'Do you know what your Lord has said?'* They said: 'Allaah and his Messenger know best.' He said: ***'This morning one of my servants became a believer in Me and one a disbeliever. As for him who said: We have been given rain by virtue of Allaah and His mercy, that one is a believer in Me, a disbeliever in the stars*** [2] ***; and as for him who said: We have been given rain by such-and-such a star, that one is a disbeliever in Me, a believer in the stars.'***"

It is related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Maalik and an-Nasaa'ee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 4:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah said:

> ***"Sons of Aadam inveigh against [the vicissitudes of] Time, and I am Time, in My hand is the night and the day."*** [3]

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Muslim)

HADEETH QUDSEE 5:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah (glorified and exalted be He) said:

> ***"I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus he who does an action for someone else's sake as well as Mine will have that action renounced by Me to him whom he associated with Me."***

It was related by Muslim (also by Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 6:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say:

> *"The first of people against whom judgment will be pronounced on the Day of Resurrection will be a man who died a martyr. He will be brought and Allaah will make known to him His favours and he will recognize them. [The Almighty] will say:* ***'And what did you do about them?'*** *He will say: 'I fought for you until I died a martyr.' He will say:* ***'You have lied - you did but fight that it might be said [of you]: He is courageous.'*** *And so it*

was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire. [Another] will be a man who has studied [religious] knowledge and has taught it and who used to recite the Qur'aan. He will be brought and Allaah will make known to his His favours and he will recognize them. [The Almighty] will say: ***'And what did you do about them?'*** *He will say: 'I studied [religious] knowledge and I taught it and I recited the Qur'aan for Your sake.' He will say:* ***'You have lied - you did but study [religious] knowledge that it might be said [of you]: He is learned. And you recited the Qur'aan that it might be said [of you]: He is a reciter.'*** *And so it was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire. [Another] will be a man whom Allaah had made rich and to whom He had given all kinds of wealth. He will be brought and Allaah will make known to his His favours and he will recognize them. [The Almighty] will say:* ***'And what did you do about them?'*** *He will say: 'I left no path [untrodden] in which You like money to be spent without spending in it for Your sake.' He will say:* ***'You have lied - you did but do so that it might be said [of you]: He is open-handed.'*** *And so it was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire."*

It was related by Muslim (also by at-Tirmidhee and an-Nasaa'ee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 7:

On the authority of Uqbah ibn Amir (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say:

"Your Lord delights at a shepherd who, on the peak of a mountain crag, gives the call to prayer and prays. Then Allaah (glorified and exalted be He) say: ***'Look at this servant of Mine, he gives the call to prayer and performs the prayers; he is in awe of Me. I have forgiven My servant [his sins] and have admitted him to Paradise.'"***

It was related by an-Nasaa'ee with a good chain of authorities

HADEETH QUDSEE 8:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), who said:

"A prayer performed by someone who has not recited the Essence of the Qur'aan [4] *during it is deficient (and he repeated the word three times), incomplete.* Someone said to Abu Hurayrah: [Even though] we are behind the Imaam? [5] He said: Recite it to yourself, for I have heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say: *Allaah, had said:* ***'I have divided prayer between Myself and My servant into two halves, and My servant shall have what he has asked for.'*** *When the servant says: 'Al-hamdu lillahi rabbi l-alameen'* [6]*, Allaah says:* ***'My servant has praised Me.'*** *And when he says: 'Ar-rahmani r-rahim'* [7]*, Allaah says:* ***'My servant has extolled Me'****, and when he says:* ***'Maaliki yawmi d-din'*** [8]*, Allaah says:* ***'My servant has glorified Me'*** *- and on one occasion He said:* ***'My servant has submitted to My power.'*** *And when he says: 'Iyyaka na budu wa iyyaka nasta in'* [9]*, He says:* ***'This is between Me and My servant, and My servant shall have what he has asked for.'*** *And when he says: 'Ihdina s-sirata l- mustaqim, siratal ladhina an amta alayhim ghayril-maghdubi alayhim wa la d-dallin'* [10], He says: **'This is for My**

servant, and My servant shall have what he has asked for.'"

It was related by Muslim (also by Maalik, at-Tirmidhee, Abu-Daawood, an-Nasaa'ee and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 9:

On the authority of Abu Harayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), who said: Allaah says:

> ***"The fist of his actions for which a servant of Allaah will be held accountable on the Day of Resurrection will be his prayers. If they are in order, then he will have prospered and succeeded: and if they are wanting, then he will have failed and lost. If there is something defective in his obligatory prayers, the Lord will say: 'See if My servant has any supererogatory prayers with which may be completed that which was defective in his obligatory prayers.' Then the rest of his actions will be judged in like fashion."***

It was related by at-Tirmidhee (also by Abu Daawood, an-Nasaa'ee, Ibn Maajah and Ahmad)

HADEETH QUDSEE 10:

On the authority of Abu Harayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), who said: Allaah says:

> ***"Fasting is Mine and it I who give reward for it. [A man] gives up his sexual passion, his food and his drink for my sake. Fasting is like a shield, and he who fasts has two joys: a joy whin he breaks his fast and a joy when he meets his Lord. The change in the breath of the mouth of him who fasts is better in Allaah's estimation than the smell of musk."***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Muslim, Maalik, at-Tirmidhee, an-Nasaa'ee and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 11:

On the authority of Abu Harayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), who said: Allaah said:

> ***"Spend (on charity), O son of Aadam, and I shall spend on you."***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Muslim)

HADEETH QUDSEE 12:

On the authority of Abu Mas'ood al-Ansaree (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

> *"A man from among those who were before you was called to account.*

Nothing in the way of good was found for him except that he used to have dealings with people and, being well-to-do, he would order his servants to let off the man in straitened circumstances [from repaying his debt]. He (the Prophet sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said that Allaah said: ***'We are worthier than you of that (of being so generous). Let him off.'"***

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree and an-Nasaa'ee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 13:

On the authority of Adee ibn Hatim (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said:

> "I was with the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) and there came to him two men: one of them was complaining of penury (being very poor), while the other was complaining of brigandry (robbery). The Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: *'As for brigandry, it will be but a short time before a caravan will [be able to] go out of Makkah without a guard. As for penury, the Hour (Day of Judgement) will not arrive before one of you takes his charity around without finding anyone to accept it from him. Then* [11] *one of you will surely stand before Allaah, there being no screed between Him and him, nor an interpreter to translate for him. Then He will say to him:* ***'Did I not bring you wealth?'*** *And he will say: 'Yes.' Then He will say:* ***'Did I not send to you a messenger?'*** *And he will say: 'Yes.' And he will look to his right and will see nothing but Hell-fire, then he will look to his left and will see nothing but Hell-fire, so let each of you protect himself against Hell-fire, be it with even half a date - and if he finds it not, then with a kind word.'"*

It was related by al-Bukhaaree

HADEETH QUDSEE 14:

On the authority of Abu Harayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), who said:

> ***"Allaah (glorified and exalted be He) has supernumerary angels who rove about seeking out gatherings in which Allaah's name is being invoked: they sit with them and fold their wings round each other, fillin that which is between them and between the lowest heaven. When [the people in the gathering] depart, [the angels] ascend and rise up to heaven. He (the Prophet p.b.u.h.) said: Then Allaah asks them - [though] He is most knowing about them: From where have you come? And they say: We have come from some servants of Yours on Earth: they were glorifying You (Subhana llah), exalting you (Allaahu akbar), witnessing that there is no god but You (La ilaha illa llah), praising You (Al-Hamdu lillah), and asking [favours] of You. He says: And what do they ask of Me? They say: They ask of You Your Paradise. He says: And have they seen My Paradise? They say: No, O Lord. He says: And how would it be were they to have seen My Paradise! They say: And they ask protection of You. He says: From what do they ask protection of Me? They say: From Your Hell-fire, O Lord. He says: And have they seen My Hell-fire? They say: NO. He says: And how would it be were they to have seen My Hell-fire: They say: And they ask for Your forgiveness. He (the Prophet p.b.u.h) said: Then He says: I have forgiven them and I have bestowed upon***

them what they have asked for,and I have granted them sanctuary from that from which they asked protection. He (the Prophet p.b.u.h) said: They say: O Lord, among then is So-and-so, a much sinning servant, who was merely passing by and sat down with them. He (the Prophet p.b.u.h) said: And He says: And to him [too] I have given forgiveness: he who sits with such people shall not suffer.”

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree, at-Tirmidhee, and an-Nasaa’ee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 15:

On the authority of Abu Harayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah the Almighty said:

“I am as My servant thinks I am (1). I am with him when he makes mention of Me. If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to Myself; and if he makes mention of Me in an assembly, I make mention of him in an assemble better than it. And if he draws near to Me an arm's length, I draw near to him a fathom's length. And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him at speed.”

(1) Another possible rendering of the Arabic is: "I am as My servant expects Me to be". The meaning is that forgiveness and acceptance of repentance by the Almighty is subject to His servant truly believing that He is forgiving and merciful. However, not to accompany such belief with right action would be to mock the Almighty.
It was related by al-Buhkari (also by Muslim, at-Tirmidhee and Ibn-Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 16:

On the authority of son of Abbas (may Allaah be pleased with them both), from the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam), among the sayings he related from his Lord (glorified and exalted be He) is that He said:

“Allaah has written down the good deeds and the bad ones. Then He explained it [by saying that] he who has intended a good deed and has not done it, Allaah writes it down with Himself as a full good deed, but if he has intended it and has done it, Allaah writes it down with Himself as from ten good deeds to seven hundred times, or many times over. But if he has intended a bad deed and has not done it, Allaah writes it down with Himself as a full good deed, but if he has intended it and has done it, Allaah writes it down as one bad deed.”

It was related by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim

HADEETH QUDSEE 17:

On the authority of Abu Dharr al-Ghifari (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) is that among the sayings he relates from his Lord (may He be glorified) is that He said:

“O My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress one another. O My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided, so

seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you, O My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food of Me and I shall feed you. O My servants, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing of Me and I shall clothe you. O My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness of Me and I shall forgive you. O My servants, you will not attain harming Me so as to harm Me, and will not attain benefitting Me so as to benefit Me. O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to be as pious as the most pious heart of any one man of you, that would not increase My kingdom in anything. O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to be as wicked as the most wicked heart of any one man of you, that would not decrease My kingdom in anything. O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have, any more that a needle decreases the sea if put into it. O My servants, it is but your deeds that I reckon up for you and then recompense you for, so let him finds good praise Allaah and let him who finds other that blame no one but himself."

It was related by Muslim (also by at-Tirmidhee and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 18:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah will say on the Day of Resurrection:

"O son of Aadam, I fell ill and you visited Me not. He will say: O Lord, and how should I visit You when You are the Lord of the worlds? He will say: Did you not know that My servant So-and-so had fallen ill and you visited him not? Did you not know that had you visited him you would have found Me with him? O son of Aadam, I asked you for food and you fed Me not. He will say: O Lord, and how should I feed You when You are the Lord of the worlds? He will say: Did you not know that My servant So-and-so asked you for food and you fed him not? Did you not know that had you fed him you would surely have found that (the reward for doing so) with Me? O son of Aadam, I asked you to give Me to drink and you gave Me not to drink. He will say: O Lord, how should I give You to drink whin You are the Lord of the worlds? He will say: My servant So-and-so asked you to give him to drink and you gave him not to drink. Had you given him to drink you would have surely found that with Me."

It was related by Muslim

HADEETH QUDSEE 19:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah said:

"Pride is my cloak and greatness My robe, and he who competes with Me in respect of either of them I shall cast into Hell-fire."

It was related by Abu Daawood (also by Ibn Maajah and Ahmad) with sound chains of

authority. This Hadeeth also appears in Muslim in another version

HADEETH QUDSEE 20:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***“The gates of Paradise will be opened on Mondays and on Thursdays, and every servant [of Allaah] who associates nothing with Allaah will be forgiven, except for the man who has a grudge against his brother. [About them] it will be said: Delay these two until they are reconciled; delay these two until they are reconciled.”***

It was related by Muslim (also by Maalik and Abu Daawood)

HADEETH QUDSEE 21:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said that Allaah the Almighty said:

> ***“There are three (1) whose adversary I shall be on the Day of Resurrection: a man who has given his word by Me and has broken it; a man who has sold a free man (2) and has consumed the price; and a man who has hired a workman, has exacted his due in full from him and has not given him his wage.”***

(1) i.e. types of men.
(2) i.e. a man who has made a slave of another and has sold him.
It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Ibn Maajah and Ahmad ibn Hanbal)

HADEETH QUDSEE 22:

On the authority of Abu Sa'eed (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***“Let not any one of you belittle himself. They said: O Messenger of Allaah, how can any one of us belittle himself? He said: He finds a matter concerning Allaah about which he should say something, and he does not say [it], so Allaah says to him on the Day of Resurrection: What prevented you from saying something about such-and-such and such-and-such? He say: [It was] out of fear of people. Then He says: Rather it is I whom you should more properly fear.”***

It was related by Ibn Maajah with a sound chain of authorities

HADEETH QUDSEE 23:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah will say on the Day of Resurrection:

> ***“Where are those who love one another through My glory? Today I***

> ***shall give them shade in My shade, it being a day when there is no shade but My shade."***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Maalik)

HADEETH QUDSEE 24:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***"If Allaah has loved a servant [of His] He calls Gabriel (on whom be peace) and says: I love So-and-so, therefore love him. He (the Prophet sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: So Gabriel loves him. Then he (Gabriel) calls out in heaven, saying: Allaah loves So-and-so, therefore love him. And the inhabitants of heaven love him. He (the Prophet sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Then acceptance is established for him on earth. And if Allaah has abhorred a servant [of His], He calls Gabriel and says: I abhor So-and-so, therefore abhor him. So Gabriel abhors him. Then Gabriel calls out to the inhabitants of heaven: Allaah abhors So-and-so, therefore abhor him. He (the Prophet sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: So they abhor him, and abhorrence is established for him on earth."***

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree, Maalik, and at-Tirmidhee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 25:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah said:

> ***"Whosoever shows enmity to someone devoted to Me, I shall be at war with him. My servant draws not near to Me with anything more loved by Me than the religious duties I have enjoined upon him, and My servant continues to draw near to Me with supererogatory works so that I shall love him. When I love him I am his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes and his foot with which he walks. Were he to ask [something] of Me, I would surely give it to him, and were he to ask Me for refuge, I would surely grant him it. I do not hesitate about anything as much as I hesitate about [seizing] the soul of My faithful servant: he hates death and I hate hurting him."***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree

HADEETH QUDSEE 26:

On the authority of Abu Umamah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah said:

> ***"Truly of those devoted to Me the one I most favour is a believer who is of meagre means and much given to prayer, who has been particular in the worship of his Lord and has obeyed Him inwardly (1), who was obscure among people and not pointed our, and whose sustenance was just sufficient to provide for him yet he bore this***

patiently. Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) rapped his hand and said: Death will have come early to him, his mourners will have been few, his estate scant."

(1) i.e. he has not been ostentatious in his obedience.
It was related by at-Tirmidhee (also by Ahmad ibn Hanbal and Ibn Maajah). Its chain of authorities is sound

HADEETH QUDSEE 27:

On the authority of Masruq, who said:

"We asked Abdullah (i.e. Ibn Masud) about this verse: And do not regard those who have been killed in the cause of Allaah as dead, rather are they alive with their Lord, being provided for (Qur'aan Chapter 3 Verse 169). He said: We asked about that and the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Their souls are in the insides of green birds having lanterns suspended from the Throne, roaming freely in Paradise where they please, then taking shelter in those lanterns. So their Lord cast a glance at them (1) and said: Do you wish for anything? They said: What shall we wish for when we roam freely in Paradise where we please? And thus did He do to them three times. When they say that they would not be spared from being asked [again], they said: O Lord, we would like for You to put back our souls into our bodies so that we might fight for Your sake once again. And when He saw that they were not in need of anything they were let be."

(1) i.e. at those who had been killed in the cause of Allaah.
It was related by Muslim (also by at-Tirmidhee, an-Nasaa'ee and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 28:

On the authority of Jundub ibn Abdullah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

"There was amongst those before you a man who had a wound. He was in [such] anguish that he took a knife and made with it a cut in his hand, and the blood did not cease to flow till he died. Allaah the Almighty said: My servant has himself forestalled Me; I have forbidden him Paradise."

It was related by al-Bukhaaree

HADEETH QUDSEE 29:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah says:

"My faithful servant's reward from Me, if I have taken to Me his best friend from amongst the inhabitants of the world and he has then borne it patiently for My sake, shall be nothing less than Paradise."

It was related by al-Bukhaaree

HADEETH QUDSEE 30:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah said:

> ***“If My servant likes to meet Me, I like to meet him; and if he dislikes to meet Me, I dislike to meet him. Prophetic explanation of this Sacred Hadeeth: He who likes to meet Allaah, Allaah likes to meet him; and he who dislikes to meet Allaah, Allaah dislikes to meet him. Aishah (may Allaah be pleased with her) said: O Prophet of Allaah, is it because of the dislike of death, for all of us dislike death? The Prophet (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said: It is not so, but rather it is that when the believer is given news of Allaah's mercy, His approval and His Paradise, he likes to meet Allaah and Allaah likes to meet him; but when the unbeliever is given news of Allaah's punishment and His displeasure, he dislikes to meet Allaah and Allaah dislikes to meet him.”***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree and Maalik. The Prophetic version is related by Muslim

HADEETH QUDSEE 31:

On the authority of Jundub (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) related:

> ***“A man said: By Allaah, Allaah will not forgive So-and-so. At this Allaah the Almighty said: Who is he who swears by Me that I will not forgive So-and-so? Verily I have forgiven So-and-so and have nullified your [own good] deeds (1) (or as he said [it]).”***

(1) A similar Hadeeth, which is given by Abu Daawood, indicates that the person referred to was a goldly man whose previous good deeds were brought to nought through presuming to declare that Allaah would not forgive someone's bad deeds.
It was related by Muslim

HADEETH QUDSEE 32:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***“A man sinned greatly against himself, and when death came to him he charged his sons, saying: When I have died, burn me, then crush me and scatter [my ashes] into the sea, for, by Allaah, if my Lord takes possession of me, He will punish me in a manner in which He has punished no one [else]. So they did that to him. Then He said to the earth: Produce what you have taken-and there he was! And He said to him: What induced you to do what you did? He said: Being afraid of You, O my Lord (or he said: Being frightened of You) and because of that He forgave him.”***

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree, an-Nasaa’ee and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 33:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu) that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam), from among the things he reports from his Lord (mighty and sublime be He), is that he said:

> ***“A servant [of Allaah's] committed a sin and said: O Allaah, forgive me my sin. And He (glorified and exalted be He) said: My servant has committed a sin and has known that he has a Lord who forgives sins and punishes for them. Then he sinned again and said: O Lord, forgive me my sin. And He (glorified and exalted be He) said: My servant has committed a sin and has known that he has a Lord who forgives sins and punishes for them. Then he sinned again and said: O Lord, forgive me my sin. And He (glorified and exalted be He) said: My servant has committed a sin and has known that he has a Lord who forgives sins and punishes for sins. Do what you wish, for I have forgiven you.”***

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree)

HADEETH QUDSEE 34:

On the authority of Anas (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) say: Allaah the Almighty said:

> ***“O son of Aadam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Aadam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Aadam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great at it.”***

It was related by at-Tirmidhee (also by Ahmad ibn Hanbal). Its chain of authorities is sound

HADEETH QUDSEE 35:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***“Our Lord (glorified and exalted be He) descends each night to the earth's sky when there remains the final third of the night, and He says: Who is saying a prayer to Me that I may answer it? Who is asking something of Me that I may give it him? Who is asking forgiveness of Me that I may forgive him?”***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Muslim, Maalik, at-Tirmidhee and Abu Daawood).
In a version by Muslim the Hadeeth ends with the words:
And thus He continues till [the light of] dawn shines

HADEETH QUDSEE 36:

On the authority of Anas (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu) from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam), who said:

> ***“The believers will gather together on the Day of Resurrection and will say: Should we not ask [someone] to intercede for us with our Lord? So they will come to Aadam and will say: You are the Father of mankind; Allaah created you with His hand He made His angels bow down to you and He taught you the names of everything, so intercede for us with you Lord so that He may give us relief form this place where we are. And he will say: I am not in a position [to do that] - and he will mention his wrongdoing and will feel ashamed and will say: Go to Noah, for he is the first messenger that Allaah sent to the inhabitants of the earth. So they will come to him and he will say: I am not in a position [to do that] - and he will mention his having requested something of his Lord about which he had no [proper] knowledge (Qur’aan Chapter 11 Verses 45-46), and he will feel ashamed and will say: Go to the Friend of the Merciful (Abraham). So they will come to him and he will say: I am not in a position [to do that]. Go to Moses, a servant to whom Allaah talked and to whom He gave the Torah. So they will come to him and he will say: I am not in a position [to do that] - and he will mention the talking of a life other that for a life (Qur’aan Chapter 28 Verses 15-16), and he will fell ashamed in the sight of his Lord and will say: Go to Jesus, Allaah's servant and messenger, Allaah's word and spirit. So they will come to him and he will say: I am not in a position [to do that]. Go to Muhammad (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam), a servant to whom Allaah has forgiven all his wrongdoing, past and future. So they will come to me and I shall set forth to ask permission to come to my Lord, and permission will be given, and when I shall see my Lord I shall prostrate myself. He will leave me thus for such time as it pleases Him, and then it will be said [to me]: Raise your head. Ask and it will be granted. Speak and it will be heard. Intercede and your intercession will be accepted. So I shall raise my head and praise Him with a form of praise that He will teach me. Then I shall intercede and HE will set me a limit [as to the number of people], so I shall admit them into Paradise. Then I shall return to Him, and when I shall see my Lord [I shall bow down] as before. Then I shall intercede and He will set me a limit [as to the number of people]. So I shall admit them into Paradise. Then I shall return for a third time, then a fourth, and I shall say: There remains in Hell-fire only those whom the Qur’aan has confined and who must be there for eternity. There shall come out of Hell-fire he who has said: There is no god but Allaah and who has in his heart goodness weighing a barley-corn; then there shall come out of Hell-fire he who has said: There is no god but Allaah and who has in his heart goodness weighing a grain of wheat; then there shall come out of Hell-fire he who has said: There is no god but Allaah and who has in his heart goodness weighing an atom.”***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Muslim, at-Tirmidhee, and Ibn Maajah)

HADEETH QUDSEE 37:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu ‘anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said: Allaah said:

> ***“I have prepared for My righteous servants what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, not has it occurred to human heart. Thus***

> ***recite if you wish (1): And no soul knows what joy for them (the inhabitants of Paradise) has been kept hidden (Qur'aan Chapter 32 Verse 17)."***

(1) The words "Thus recite if you wish" are those of Abu Harayrah.
It was related by al-Bukhaaree, Muslim, at-Tirmidhee and Ibn Maajah

HADEETH QUDSEE 38:

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***"When Allaah created Paradise and Hell-fire, He sent Gabriel to Paradise, saying: Look at it and at what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: So he came to it and looked at it and at what Allaah had prepared therein for its inhabitants. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: So he returned to Him and said: By your glory, no one hears of it without entering it. So He ordered that it be encompassed by forms of hardship, and He said: Return to it and look at what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: So he returned to it and found that it was encompassed by forms of hardship (1). Then he returned to Him and said: By Your glory, I fear that no one will enter it. He said: Go to Hell-fire and look at it and what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants, and he fount that it was in layers, one above the other. Then he returned to Him and said: By Your glory, no one who hears of it will enter it. So He ordered that it be encompassed by lusts. Then He said: Return to it. And he returned to it and said: By Your glory, I am frightened that no one will escape from entering it."***

(1) The Arabic word used here is "makarih", the literal meaning of which is "things that are disliked". In this context it refers to forms of religious discipline that man usually finds onerous.
It was related by Tirmidhee, who said that it was a good and sound Hadeeth (also by Abu Daawood and an-Nasaa'ee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 39:

On the authority of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudree (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***"Paradise and Hell-fire disputed together, and Hell-fire said: In me are the mighty and the haughty. Paradise said: In me are the weak and the poor. So Allaah judged between them, [saying]: You are Paradise, My mercy; through you I show mercy to those I wish. And you are Hell-fire, My punishment; through you I punish those I wish, and it is incumbent upon Me that each of you shall have its fill."***

It was related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaaree and at-Tirmidhee)

HADEETH QUDSEE 40:

On the authority of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudree (radi-Allaahu 'anhu), who said that the

Messenger of Allaah (sal-Allaahu ‘alayhe wa sallam) said:

> ***“Allaah will say to the inhabitant of Paradise: O inhabitants of Paradise! They will say: O our Lord, we present ourselves and are at Your pleasure, and goodness rests in Your hands. Then He will say: Are you contented? And they will say: And how should we not be contented, O Lord, when You have given to us that which You have given to no one else of Your creation? Then He will say: Would not like Me to give you something better than that? And they will say: O Lord and what thing is better than that? And He will say: I shall cause My favour to descend upon you and thereafter shall never be displeased with you.”***

It was related by al-Bukhaaree (also by Muslim and at-Tirmidhee).

FOOTNOTES

[1] i.e., bring me back to life after death.
[2] The pre-Islaamic Arabs believed that rain was brought about by the movement of stars. This Hadeeth draws attention to the fact that whatever be the direct cause of such natural phenomena as rain, it is Allaah the Almighty who is the Disposer of all things.
[3] As the Almighty is the Ordainer of all things, to inveigh aginst misfortunes that are part of Time is tantamount to inveighing against Him.
[4] Surat al-Fatihah, the first surah (chapter) of the Qur’aan.
[5] i.e. standing behind the Imaam (leader) listening to him reciting al-Fatihah.
[6] "Praise be to Allaah, Lord of the Worlds."
[7] "The Merciful, the Compassionate."
[8] "Master of the Day of Judgement."
[9] "It is You we worship and it is You we ask for help."
[10] "Guide us to the straight path, the path of those upon whom You have bestowed favors, not of those against whom You are angry, nor of those who are astray."
[11] i.e. at the time of the Hour.